U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence (2023)

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Part II: 7 Key Pillars of the US National Plan

1. Prevention
2. Support, Health, Safety and Well-Being
3. Economic Security & Housing Stability
4. Online Safety
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1. Prevention

1.1 Enhance and promote GBV prevention

1.2 Enhance dissemination and implementation of GBV prevention strategies

1.3 Improve prevention efforts to change social norms that support or condone GBV and to promote healthy and respectful relationships across the life course.

1.4 Improve comprehensive health approaches to prevent GBV and help survivors heal

1. Prevention

1.1 Enhance and promote GBV prevention

- Improve research and data collection about the nature and scope of GBV victimization and perpetration.
- Enhance research to capture information in federal datasets on marginalized and underserved communities and vulnerable populations, while also ensuring safety and confidentiality in the appropriate collection and use of data.
- Strengthen GBV prevention in agency plans and processes.
- Increase public awareness about the root causes of GBV, its societal impacts, and the value of GBV prevention and early intervention.



1. Prevention

1.2 Enhance dissemination and implementation of GBV prevention strategies

- Strengthen and scale efforts to advance evidence-informed and evidenced-based strategies presented in the CDC Technical Packages and elsewhere that work to prevent GBV.
- Further develop the evidence base of what works to prevent GBV.

1.3 Improve prevention efforts to change social norms that support or condone GBV and to promote healthy and respectful relationships across the life course.

- Enhance education efforts that promote healthy and respectful relationships among children, youth, and young adults to address and break cycles of violence.
- Advance community-based solutions that work with multiple stakeholders, including men and boys, as essential participants in prevention.

1.4 Improve comprehensive health approaches to prevent GBV and help survivors heal

2. Support, Health, Safety and Well-Being

2.1 Improve data collection, research, and evaluation on trauma-informed and survivor-centered approaches to GBV

2.2 Improve the quality and quantity of trauma-informed, survivor-centered GBV programming at the federal, state, Tribal, territorial, and local levels.

2.3 Address disparities and inequities in access to trauma-informed care for GBV survivors from marginalized and underserved communities across the life course

2. Support, Health, Safety and Well-Being

2.1. Improve data collection, research, and evaluation on trauma-informed and survivor-centered approaches to GBV

- Further invest in research and evaluation to determine the effectiveness of various trauma-informed approaches and interventions in achieving positive outcomes.

- Expand knowledge about how trauma from GBV impacts specific populations and which trauma-informed approaches and interventions are the most effective for these populations.

2. Support, Health, Safety and Well-Being

2.2 Improve the quality and quantity of trauma-informed, survivor-centered GBV programming at the federal, state, Tribal, territorial, and local levels.

- Strengthen interagency coordination and support for using trauma informed approaches in GBV programming.
- Expand availability of training and technical assistance on trauma informed approaches for those working with survivors of GBV.
- Develop programs and resources for adult intimate partner violence survivors disproportionately impacted by the child welfare system.

2. Support, Health, Safety and Well-Being

2.3 Address disparities and inequities in access to trauma-informed care for GBV survivors from marginalized and underserved communities across the life course

- Enhance existing initiatives and support innovative approaches.
- Support trauma-informed, accessible, and culturally responsive services to GBV survivors.

3. Economic Security and Housing Stability

3.1 Prevent and address GBV, including sexual harassment, in the world of work

3.2 Improve economic security, asset-building opportunities, and financial protection to mitigate GBV, help survivors escape abuse, and support long-term financial independence

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- Shift workplace norms and practices to prevent GBV and support employees impacted by GBV.
- Establish the Federal Government as a model employer for preventing and responding to GBV in the workplace.
- Build the capacity of employers, workplaces, unions, and worker organizations to prevent and respond to GBV, particularly in industries, occupations, and work arrangements in which workers face higher risks of GBV.

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- Improve GBV survivors' economic security through access to good jobs with family-sustaining wages, benefits, and workplace protections, as well as support for business entrepreneurship.
- Increase access to and awareness of worker protections and policies to help GBV survivors or those at risk of GBV keep their job and maintain their economic security.
- Fortify access to economic safety nets for workers and tenants.

3. Economic Security and Housing Stability

3.3 Provide a spectrum of housing services, resources, programs, and protections for GBV survivors; ensure access to safe, affordable, and long-term housing

- Reduce housing and economic barriers for survivors.
- Recognize the different housing barriers and needs of survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking.
- Support and fund local housing models and practices that increase access to safe and affordable housing for survivors.

4. Online Safety

4.1 Establish a strategic vision and coordinated approach for how the Federal Government addresses online forms of GBV and integrates these efforts across existing policies and programs to support survivors and prevent harms

4.2 Enhance and expand federally funded research and data collection on technology-facilitated GBV

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4.1 Establish a strategic vision and coordinated approach for how the Federal Government addresses online forms of GBV and integrates these efforts across existing policies and programs to support survivors and prevent harms

- Improve coordination among federal agencies and departments to strengthen the Federal Government's effectiveness in preventing and addressing technology-facilitated GBV.

4.2 Enhance and expand federally funded research and data collection on technology-facilitated GBV

- Update federal surveys and data collection efforts on GBV to incorporate measures for technology-facilitated GBV, including different forms of online abuse.
- Support additional research to better understand the impact of technology-facilitated GBV, particularly on diverse populations, and inform evidence-driven interventions that improve services and support for survivors.

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4.3 Improve services and access to justice for victims of online forms of GBV

- Increase access to survivor-centered services, information, and support for victims who experience technology-facilitated GBV through training and assistance for victim advocates, law enforcement, and the criminal legal system.

- Build support for survivors of technology-facilitated GBV through training and technical assistance for federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial partners in the fields of education, health, and mental health services.

- Enhance accountability for technology-facilitated GBV.

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- Enhance federal programs that promote access to legal assistance for survivors in criminal, civil, family, immigration, military, and administrative legal systems.
- Address barriers that prevent many GBV victims from seeking assistance.

5.2 Ensure that justice systems are responsive to survivors' needs and experiences

- Strengthen and improve system responses to GBV.
- Protect victims throughout the criminal justice process.

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5.3 Expand options for survivors to seek safety and justice

- Support the development of alternative pathways for survivors to seek safety, justice, and healing.
- Assist survivors whose primary exposure to the criminal justice system has not been as a “recognized” victim.
- Promote policies and practices that support GBV survivors’ relationships with their children.

6. Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response

6.1 Address GBV and associated risks in federal emergency response and recovery efforts

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- Integrate crisis- and disaster-related policies, protocols, and practices to address GBV into federal emergency planning and community mapping tools, and leverage interagency structures.
- Collaborate with community-based partners, including those with expertise in GBV, to meet the unique needs of survivors before, during, and after a crisis or disaster.
- Provide resources and support to organizations that provide essential services for GBV survivors during crises, emergencies, and disasters, including pandemics.

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- Revise existing training programs to ensure all federal employees and contractors who support and oversee emergency management programs serving GBV victims are properly trained.

6.3 Deepen the research base on the links between climate-related disasters and heightened risk for GBV, particularly for historically marginalized and underserved populations

- Support federal research efforts to deepen the evidence base for the links between GBV and natural disasters and to identify promising practices.

7. Research and Data

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- Support innovative research and data collection approaches to improve inclusion of historically marginalized and underserved communities.
- Consistently report disaggregated data from existing national data systems.

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7.2 Improve understanding of GBV victimization and perpetration over the life course

- Expand research on GBV victimization and perpetration and their overlap through the life course.
- Increase knowledge on what works to prevent GBV over the life course.

7.3 Leverage existing data collections to collect new data on GBV

- Expand GBV data collection resources and collaborations.